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1. THREE RESISTANCE GROUPS ARE IN THE VANGUARD OF THE PLAN FOR AN UPRISING IN CUBA. THE SEGUNDO FRENTE DE ESCAMERAY IS LED BY COMANDANTE PILON, AKA SIEMEXY (BOTH BELIEVED TO BE WAR NAMES), WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE CONTROL OF CLAUDESTINE GROUPS IN THE REBEL ARMY AS WELL AS CONTROL OVER AN UNIDENTIFIED COVERED ARSENAL WHICH WOULD SUPPLY THE RESISTANCE GROUPS WITH 2,000 WEAPONS WHEN THE UPRISING TAKES PLACE. ONLY THE HEAD OF THE MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (MRP) IN CUBA AND THE LEADER OF THE DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTEL (DRE) IN CUBA KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE PLANS SINCE THEY ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE SEGUNDO FRENTE DE ESCAMERAY GROUP. NONE OF THE RESISTANCE GROUPS HAVE CONTACTS IN THE

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MILITIA OR THE ABILITY TO PENETRATE OR DEFECT MILITIA UNITS.

2. THE GENERAL PLAN IS FOR CERTAIN UNITS IN THE REBEL ARMY TO RISE UP FIRST AND SEIZE MILITARY POSTS. CIVILIAN UNITS WOULD THEN JOIN THE UPRISING. THE REVOLT WOULD BE CONCENTRATED IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA AND HABANA WITH MINOR REVOLTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE RESISTANCE GROUPS HOPE TO SEIZE THE TWO PRINCIPAL CITIES AND BRING THE POPULACE BEHIND THEM BUT ESTIMATE THEY CAN HOLD OUT FOR ONLY 24 TO 48 HOURS.

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3. THE RESISTANCE GROUPS FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT OFFICERS AND TROOPS OF THE REBEL ARMY ARE BITTER AGAINST CASTRO SINCE HE HAS GIVEN MORE AUTHORITY AND PRESTIGE TO THE MILITIA. THE REBEL ARMY FEELS THAT THEY MUST RISE NOW AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY BELIEVE THAT FOREIGN TROOPS ARE BEING BROUGHT INTO CUBA TO REPLACE THEM. THEY FEAR THAT UNLESS THEY MOVE QUICKLY THEY WILL BE REPLACED AND LOSE ALL COMMAND AUTHORITY.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE SEGUNDO FRENTE DE ESCAMERAY, THE ITP, AND THE IRE, THE FRENTE DE LIBERACION ANTI-COMUNISTA, HEADED BY JORGE PARALELA, COMANDANTE DUQUE, AND DOCTOR DUQUESNE, IS TAKING PART IN THE UPRISING.

5. THE FOLLOWING GROUPS HAVE AGREED TO GO ALONG WITH THE FOUR PRINCIPAL GROUPS ABOVE:

A. EJERCITO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL, HEADED BY JORGE ESPINO AND RENE SAID DE PARA;

B. JUVENTUD ANTI-COMUNISTA CATOLICA;

C. MOVIMIENTO DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MRR), HEADED BY LUIS RODRIGUEZ;

D. FRENTE NACIONAL DEMOCRATICO, HEADED BY COMANDANTE LITO AS MILITARY COORDINATOR AND ALBERTO CAVADA AS CIVILIAN COORDINATOR. [REDACTED] 1,3(2)(4) C

6. AS OF 11 AUGUST THE 30 OF NOVEMBER AND THE UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA (UR) WERE NOT CONVINCED THAT THE UPRISING WOULD BE A SUCCESS AND WERE ATTEMPTING TO DELAY THE REVOLT UNTIL THEY COULD GET WORD FROM THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATIONS IN MIAMI. AT A MEETING ON 17 AUGUST THE COORDINATORS AGREED TO CONTINUE WITH THE PLAN FOR THE UPRISING ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT THE UR OR THE 30 NOVEMBER GROUPS WOULD PARTICIPATE. A STRONG PLEA WAS MADE ON 19 AUGUST TO THE HEAD OF THE UR IN HABANA THAT HE POSTPONE ANY ACTION UNTIL 15 SEPTEMBER. ARM BANDS FOR THE GROUPS WERE BEING MADE, AND OTHER CUBANS OPPOSED TO THE CASTRO REGIME WERE BECOMING AWARE OF THE PLANNED UPRISING. IT APPEARED THAT THEY WERE DESIROUS OF SUPPORTING SUCH AN ATTEMPT TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY.

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